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*Principalship of the Medical College.*

425 Q.—Dr. U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., was first selected for the Principalship of the Madras Medical College and that an order appointing him as Principal was actually communicated to him; and

(b) whether it is a fact that his appointment order was subsequently cancelled and that Major Bradfield, I.M.S., was appointed in his stead?

A.—(a) The Government did not appoint Lieut.-Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., as Principal, Medical College, Madras, but they understand that an order appointing him as Principal was issued by the Surgeon-General under a misapprehension.

(b) The unauthorized order issued by the Surgeon-General was cancelled by him.

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO:—“Was the appointment of Mr. Chaudhuri made with the sanction of the Governor?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“I do not exactly catch what the hon. Member says.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“As it is stated in the answer that the order was issued under a misapprehension, was the misapprehension due to any official or unofficial order?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“It was not due to any orders issued by the Government.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I know, with reference to the statement that the order of appointment was issued under a misapprehension, what is that misapprehension?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“I did not know that the authority of the Government was required to correct a mistake due to misapprehension.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“The hon. the Chief Minister says that the Surgeon-General did not know that the authority of the Government was required. Am I to understand that the misapprehension was that he did not know that the authority of the Government was required for issuing the order of appointment or was there any other misapprehension?”

(No answer.)

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, that the order was cancelled by the Surgeon-General, may I ask whether the order was cancelled by himself or at the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, and if so on what date?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“When the Surgeon-General realized that the appointment was unauthorized, he cancelled it.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Did he realize voluntarily or at the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor?”

(No answer.)

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Was the misapprehension due to the Chief Minister's resignation after the expiry of his term?”

(No answer.)